landing facilities, is a continuing process. The night facilities are provided or improved upon as per the requirements projected by the airlines from time to time, as their operations expand. Works are taken up keeping in view the airport topography and availability of funds. During the current Plan period, a sum of 11.85 crores is proposed to be spent by the National Airports Authority on the provision/improvement of night landing facilities.

Vayudoot service in Madhya Pradesh

923. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the places in Madhya Pradesh, identified by Government, to be linked by Vayudoot service in near future;

(b) by when these places are likely to be linked by Vayudoot; and

(c) whether Government are contemplating to link certain inaccessible tribal areas in the State by Vayudoot; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Vayudoot has plans to airlink Bilaspur, Jagdalpur and Bhilai in Madhya Pradesh during the current plan period subject to development of infrastructure, availability of aircraft capacity and economic viavility of operations. Whereas Jagdalpur and Bilaspur are proposed to be airlinked by Vayudoot during the year 1987-88, air services to Bhilai are planned thereafter.

Electronic Exchange at Barasat, West Bengal

924. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up an Electronic Exchange at Barasat, 24-Parganas, District, West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the progress so far made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The building work has been awarded and is scheduled to be taken up shortly. The equipment is likely to be received during 1988-89 and the exchange is likely to be commissioned during 1989-90.

Circular Railway around Ahmedabad

925. SHRI SHANKER SINGH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be plesaed to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal to set up circular railway around Ahmedabad;

(b) whether the railways have conducted techno-Economic Feasibility. Survey for this project; and

(c) if so, what would be the total cost of such a project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) At the instance and cost of Ahmedabad Urban Development Authority and Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, a techno-economic feasibility study for commuter lines in Ahmedabad area is in progress. Cost of the Project is not known at this stage.

Suburban Railway Facilities

926. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the cities in the country with suburban railway facilities for rapid transport system;

(b) the total expenditure incurred to create these facilities in each of these cities; and

(c) what is the total annual average loss, if any, to run these suburban facilities during the last 2 years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Suburban Electrical Multiple Unit (EMU) Rapid Transport services are available in Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras.

(b) Figure of expenditure to create suburban system facilities are not being kept separately.

(c) The estimated annual loss on suburban services is as under:—

Year	Suburban
1984-85	Rs. 76.22 crores.
1985-86	Rs. 82.15 crores.

Consumption of Liquor in Railway Trains

927. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to prevent the consumption of liquor in ACI and AC II class compartments, during the last three months;

(b) the number of such complaints brought to the notice of the Railways during the same period; and

(c) what action has been taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Surprise checks are made by railway staff and offenders when detected are taken up under Section 120 of the Indian Railways Act, 1890.

(b) No such complaints were made during the last three months.

(c) Does not arise.

Indian Airlines planes for Vayudoot Services

928. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vayudoot is entirely dependent on Indian Airlines for their aircraft; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Cargo Handling Facilities at Paradeep Port

929. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the project for improving Paradeep Port's cargo handling facilities on the railway line between the port and the ore mines and modernisation of iron ore mines has been completed; and

(b) if not, by when it is likely to be completed and the total amount of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) No project as mentioned in part (a) has been finalised or sanctioned.

Rail accidents

930. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Railway accidents that occurred since January, 1986 and the number of persons killed therein; and